(c) the total number of cars allowed to be imported under the scheme with details of the buyers; and

(d) whether these cars will be exclusively used for tourism promotion?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The Government have decided to allow import of air-conditioned cars and coaches for development of tourism in the country by the 'Specified Importers' viz. a State Tourism Development Corporation, classified hotel, tour operator, travel agency, tourist transport operator approved by the Ministry of Toursm.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस के कर्मचारियों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही का स्थगन

4186. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री 24 नवम्बर, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 63 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार अन्यथा दंडित कर्मचारियों सहित सभी निलम्बित विमान चालकों को पुनः बहाल करने और साधारण चेतावनी देते हुए उन्हें पहले लगाये गये आरोपों से मुक्त करने का भी विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री श्री माधवराव सिंधिया : (क) से (ग) निलम्बित विमानचालकों और अधिकारियों को सेवा में पुनः बहाल करने का निर्णय, उनके विरुद्ध की जा रही विभागीय जांच के परिणामों पर निर्भर करेगा ।

Hotel accommodation in the Country

4187. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(b) what is the number of five star and four star hotels accommodation in the country at present;

(b) what is the estimated requirement of such accommodation during the next three years for foreign tourists; and

(c) what measures have been taken to meet the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Position is given as under:—

	Hotels	Rooms
5 Star (Deluxe) .	33	9178
5 Star . . .	50	6415
4 Star . . .	48	3523
TOTAL :	131	18116

(b) and (c) The National Action Plan on Tourism as presented in the Parliament in May 1992 envisages the need for doubling the hotel rooms in the approved category in next three years. Several insentives and concessions are given to achieve the objective.

Inquiry report of aircrash at Imphal

4188. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Times of India of November, 21, 1992 under the caption "I.A. Pilot indicated for Imphal Crash";

(b) what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have examined the judgement of the Calcutta High Court with regard to various aspects of this mishap and about the role of co-pilots and medical check up system in the Indian Airlines;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(e) what action Government have taken or propose to take on each aspect of the judgement; and

(f) what amount is paid as compensation for the persons killed and injured in the crash?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The report of the Court of Inquiry alongwith Government of India's decision on the findings and recommendations thereon has been placed in the Parliament House Library vide Index No. 363.12465 RN-1.

(f) All the 63 passengers on board had lost their lives. Compensation in respect of 60 has been settled so far. The rate of compensation for the deceased passengers (whole carriage was not international) is Rs. 5.00 lakhs if the passengers was of or above 12 years of age and Rs. 2.50 lakhs for those below 12 years of age.

Foreign investment in aviation sector

4189. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited the foreign companies to invest in the country's aviation sector, as per the news-item entitled "Scindia for foreign funds in aviation", which appeared in the Times of India dated the 13th November, 1992; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the foreign companies in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Government's policy in this matter was indicated at the annual assembly of Airports Association Council International (AACI) on 10th November, 1992 in Madrid (Spain) as follows:

India would welcome mutually beneficial relationships with willing partners for an integrated development of its aviation industry. India's expanding market has the capacity and capability of absorbing transfer of the latest technologies. Setting up of advanced avionics industry would also help Inda utilise her skilled manpower and an economic mode of production based on natural comparative advantage.

Number of Telephone connections in Itanagar and Pasighat

4190. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of installed telelphones at Itanagar and Pasighat areas till-date;

(b) what is the number of telephones functioning regularly; and

(c) what is the reasons for the virtual collapse of Pasighat telephone system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a)

Itanagar — 812

Pasighat — 270

(b) The average number of Telephones functioning regularly per day are 805 of Itanagar & 266 at Pasighat.

(c) Question does not arise, since the Telephone Exchange System at Pasighat is working satisfactorily.